

## 6.2 (cont)

Defn 3  $E, F$  are events  $\Rightarrow P(F) > 0$ . The conditional probability of  $E$  given  $F$ ,  $P(E|F)$ , is defined as

$$P(E|F) = \frac{P(E \cap F)}{P(F)}$$

Defn 4 Events  $E$  &  $F$  are independent iff

$$P(E \cap F) = P(E)P(F)$$

Ex 4 what is conditional probability that exactly 4 heads appear when a fair coin is flipped 7 times, given that the first flip was tails?

Ex 5 what is the probability that at least 4 heads appear, out of 7 tosses, given that the first flip was a tail?

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### Bernoulli Trials and the Binomial Distribution

Bernoulli trial  $\Rightarrow$  has only 2 possible outcomes  
(call two outcomes  $s = \text{success}$ ,  $f = \text{failure}$ )

We say  $p = P(s)$  and  $q = P(f)$ , and we know  $p + q = 1$

$$\Rightarrow q = 1 - p$$

Thm 2 The probability of exactly  $k$  successes in  $n$  independent Bernoulli trials, with probability of success  $p$  and probability of failure  $q = 1 - p$ , is

$$\binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}$$

Ex 6 Find the probability that a family w/ 5 children has exactly two boys, if the sexes of the children are independent and the probability of a boy is 0.6.

Ex 7 Find probability that this family has at least two boys.

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Ex 8 (The Birthday Problem) What is the minimum # of people who need to be in a room together so that the probability that at least two of them have the same birthday is greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$ ?

Soln ① Assume bdays are independent for different people.  
 ② Assume each bday is equally likely.  
 ③ Assume 366 days of year (to include leap year bdays).

Pretend people walk in room one at a time.

$n = \# \text{ people in room}$	$P_n = \text{probability that } n \text{ people all have different bdays}$	$\text{first } n-1 \text{ people have dif. bdays}$
1	$\frac{366}{366} = 1$	Remember bdays of people in room are indep. $\Rightarrow$ Prob. all have different bdays $= \frac{366}{366} \cdot \frac{365}{366} \cdot \frac{364}{366} \dots \frac{367-n}{366}$ $= p$
2	$\frac{365}{366}$	
3	$\frac{364}{366}$	
4	$\frac{366-3}{366} = \frac{363}{366}$	
...	...	
...	...	
$j$	$\frac{366-j+1}{366} = \frac{367-j}{366}$	
...	...	
$n$	$\frac{367-n}{366}$	

$\Rightarrow$  Probability that at least two people share a bday = 1 - probability no one shares a bday  
 $= 1 - \frac{365}{366} \cdot \frac{364}{366} \dots \frac{367-n}{366} = 1 - p$

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After computation, we find for  $n=23$ ,

$$1P = 0.506$$

$\Rightarrow$  we need at least 23 people in the room to have a probability bigger than  $\frac{1}{2}$  that at least 2 people share a bday.

Ex 9 Show that if  $E, F$  are events, then  
 $P(E \cap F) \geq P(E) + P(F) - 1$ .

## 6.3 Bayes' Theorem

Thm 1 (Bayes' Thm)  $E$  &  $F$  are events from a sample space  $S \Rightarrow P(E) \neq 0$  &  $P(F) \neq 0$ . Then

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(E|F)P(F)}{P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|\bar{F})P(\bar{F})}$$

Pf By defn, we know

$$P(F|E) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(E)}$$

$$\text{and } P(E|F) = \frac{P(EF)}{P(F)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P(EF) = P(F|E)P(E) = P(E|F)P(F)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow P(F|E) = \frac{P(E|F)P(F)}{P(E)}$$

and notice  $E = (E \cap F) \cup (E \cap \bar{F})$  (since  $F + \bar{F} = S$ )

$$\Rightarrow P(E) = P(E \cap F) + P(E \cap \bar{F}) - P(E \cap F \cap \bar{F})$$

$$\text{but } P(E \cap F) = P(EF) = P(E|F)P(F)$$

$$\text{and likewise } P(E \cap \bar{F}) = P(E\bar{F}) = P(E|\bar{F})P(\bar{F})$$

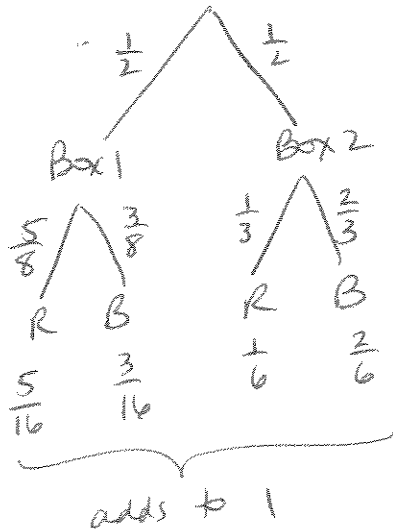
$$\Rightarrow (1) \text{ becomes } P(F|E) = \frac{P(E|F)P(F)}{P(E|F)P(F) + P(E|\bar{F})P(\bar{F})} //$$

Ex 1 We have 2 boxes. Box 1 has 3 blue balls and 5 red balls. Box 2 has 4 blue balls and 2 red balls. Karim selects a ball by first choosing the box and then choosing a ball (both at random). IF Karim chooses a blue ball, what is probability he selected it from Box 2? i.e.  $P(\text{Box 2} | \text{Blue})$

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### Ex 1 (cont)

Probability  
Tree diagram



$$\Downarrow$$
$$P(B|\textcircled{2}) = \frac{2}{3}$$
$$P(B|\textcircled{1}) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$P(\text{Box 2} | \text{Blue}) = P(\textcircled{2} | B)$$
$$= \frac{P(B|\textcircled{2})p(\textcircled{2})}{P(B|\textcircled{2})p(\textcircled{2}) + P(B|\textcircled{1})p(\textcircled{1})}$$

Ex 2 Suppose that 8% of all bicycle racers use steroids, that a bicyclist who uses steroids tests positive for steroids 96% of the time, and that a bicyclist who does not use steroids tests positive for steroids 9% of the time. What is the probability that a randomly selected bicyclist who tests positive for steroids actually uses steroids?

### 6.3 (cont)

Ex 3 Suppose  $E, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$  are events from a sample space  $S$  and that  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$  are mutually disjoint and  $F_1 \cup F_2 \cup \dots \cup F_n = S$ . Find  $P(F_2|E)$  if

$$P(E|F_1) = \frac{2}{7}, \quad P(E|F_2) = \frac{3}{8}, \quad P(E|F_3) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(F_1) = \frac{1}{6}, \quad P(F_2) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(F_3) = \frac{1}{3}.$$

(Note: we need Generalized Bayes' Theorem for this.

$$P(F_j|E) = \frac{P(E|F_j)P(F_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(E|F_i)P(F_i)}$$

- $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$  mutually exclusive events
- $\bigcup_{i=1}^n F_i = S$
- $P(E) \neq 0, P(F_i) \neq 0$   
 $\forall i=1, \dots, n$